Northwest Climate Toolbox

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The Data Challenge

- 1. Increasing amount of climate data
- 2. Need to convert to useable information to inform action
- 3. Coproduction of knowledge with climate stakeholders
- 4. Climate services



Seamless climate information stream

Observations (1979-yesterday)

Weather Forecasts (30 days)

Climate Forecasts (7 months)

Climate Projections through 2100

Common ~2.5 mile resolution grid across CONUS (+ southern BC)
VIC hydrologic modeling done for the NW currently*

The Northwest Climate Toolbox

A collection of web tools for visualizing past and projected climate and hydrology of the Pacific Northwest, USA.

Applications

These tools are to help with decision making in fire, water management, agriculture and climate monitoring.

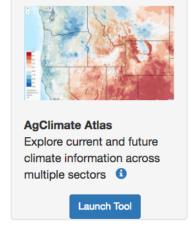


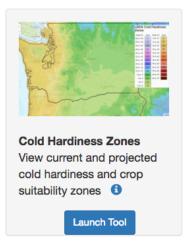




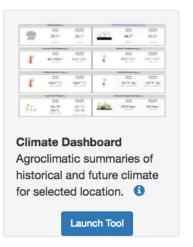


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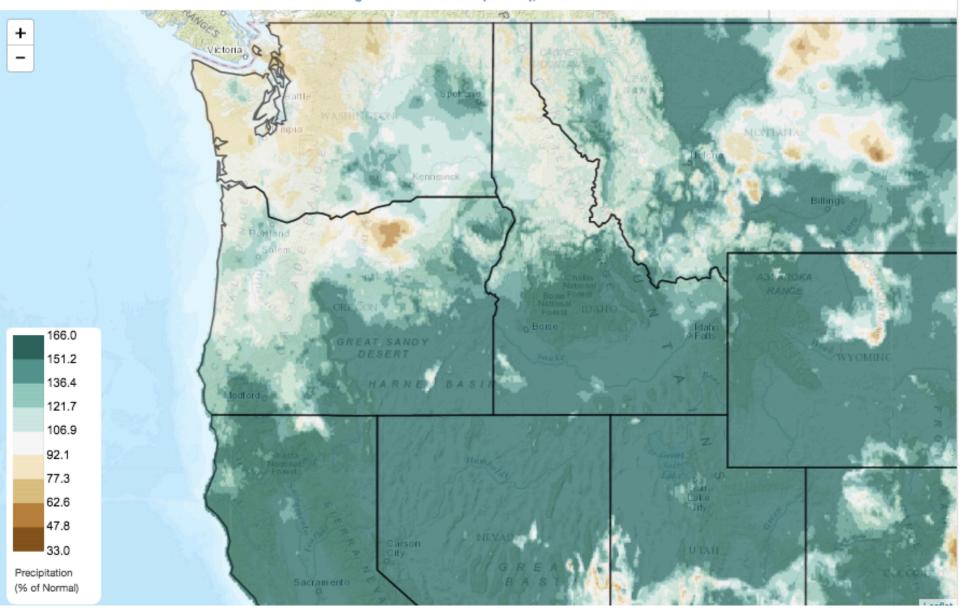






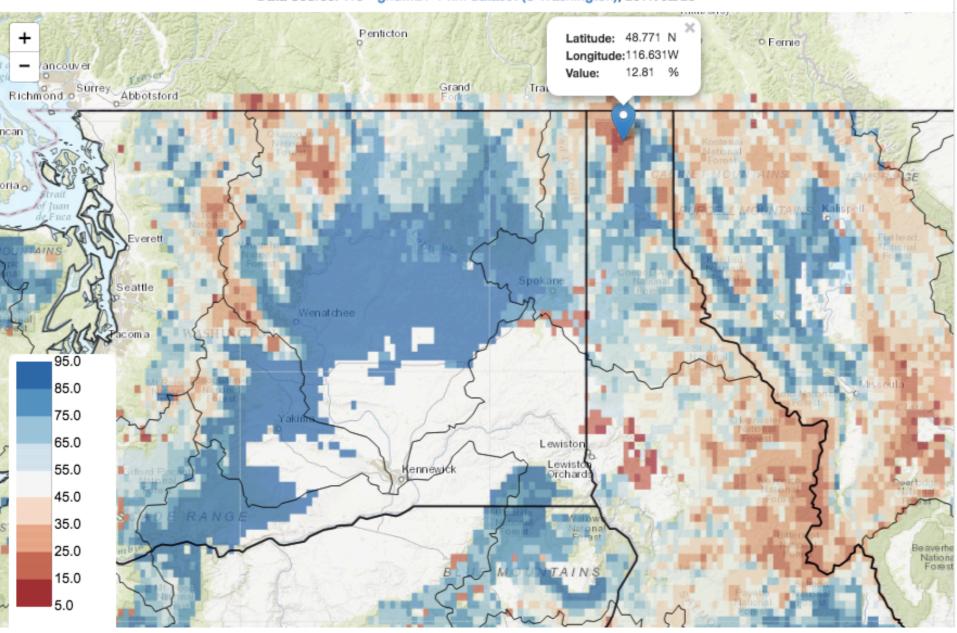
Last 90 Days Precipitation (% of Normal)

Data Source: gridMET 4-km dataset (U Idaho), 2016/11/28 - 2017/02/25

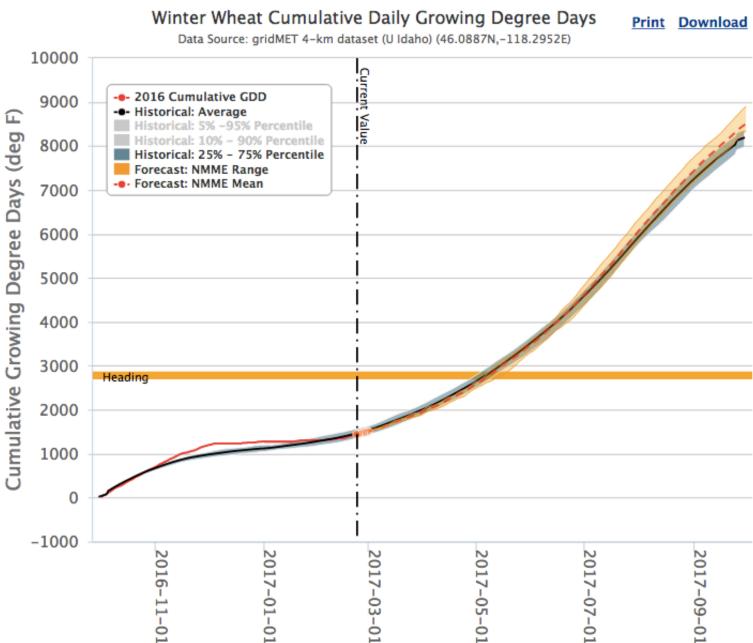


Snow Water Equivalent(SWE) Percentile

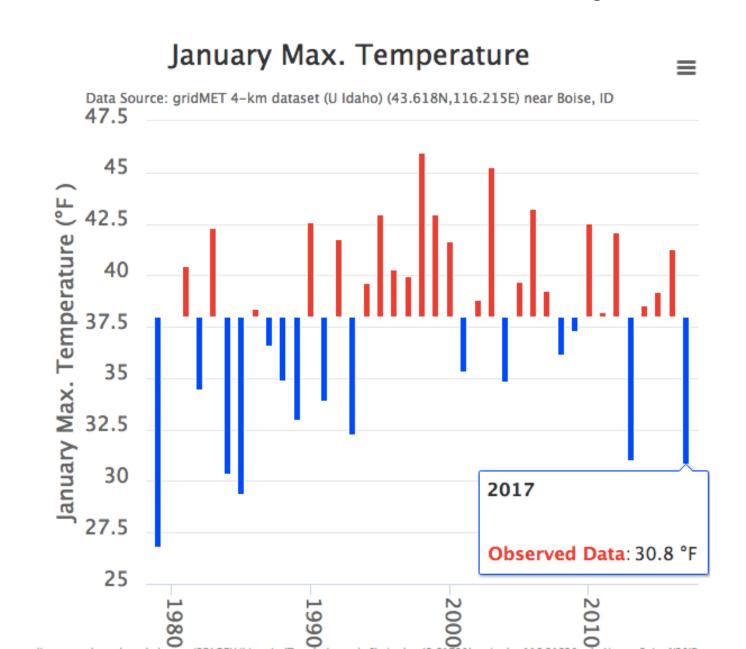
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Phenology Tool: winter wheat



Interannual Variability



Wenatchee, WA (47.413°N,120.324°W)



Precipitation ?

Potential Evapotranspiration ?

Winter Temperatures ?

Coldest Winter Day ?

1981-2010

9.8"

Annual Total

2040-2069

10.4"

Annual Total

1981-2010

46.1"

Annual Total

2040-2069

52.2"

Annual Total

Summer Temperatures ?

1981-2010

84.5°F/ 57.2°F

High / Low

1981-2010

2040-2069

91.9°F / 63.3°F

High / Low

2040-2069

1981-2010 37.8°F/ 24.8°F

High / Low

2040-2069

42.9°F / 30.6°F

High / Low

Hottest Summer Day 😙

100.9°F / 6 108.8°F / 7

Average / Heat Zone Average / Heat Zone

1981-2010

 $0.8^{\circ}F / 7a$

Average / Hardiness Zone

2040-2069

10.5°F / 8a

Average / Hardiness Zone

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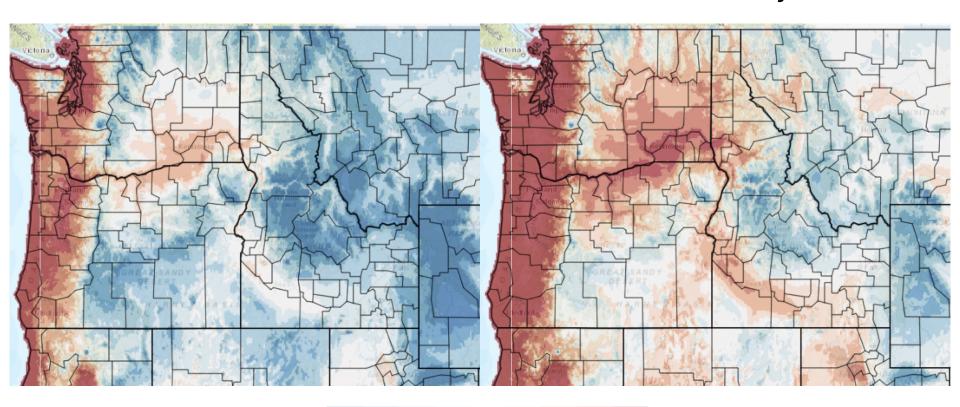




Freeze Free Days Per Year

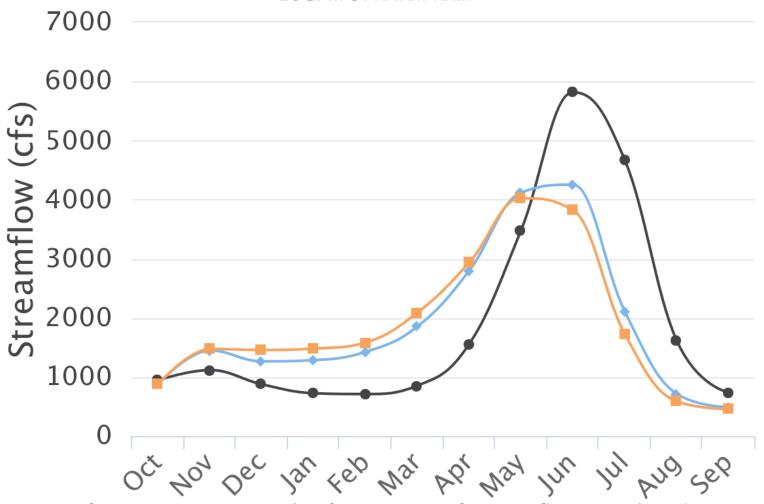
Historical

Mid-21st Century, RCP8.5



Projected Streamflow (2040-2069) Yakima River At Cle Elum, WA

Source: Integrated Scenarios CMIP5-MACAv2LIVNEH-VIC 10CMIP5ModelMean



Significant increases in the frequency of 7Q10 flows under climate change

→ Historical → RCP 4.5 → RCP 8.5